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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE DONALD T. REGAN  
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

SUBJECT: Negotiations with West European Governments  
on Poland-Related Sanctions

As stated in NSDD 48, subparagraph 4, the Senior Interagency Group - International Economic Policy under your chairmanship has the responsibility to monitor implementation, as well as to formulate recommendations for U. S. policy on East-West trade. The implementation of the denial orders against West European firms which have violated our controls has been hampered in recent weeks by inadequate coordination among the departments involved, and by an inconsistent public affairs program.

In his reply to Secretary Shultz's memo of August 24, the President approved the process of preparing for talks with the Allies should they approach the U. S. to discuss a more unified Western approach to critical East-West economic issues.

On a priority basis, the President requests the SIG-IEP to develop a set of negotiating positions for these possible high-level talks. The positions should be submitted to the National Security Council for Presidential approval. Once he approves the positions, the SIG-IEP is to monitor the talks, keeping the President advised of progress.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

William P. Clark

cc: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Secretary of Commerce  
The Director of Central Intelligence  
The United States Trade Representative

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